



Re: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells  
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Roy,

Any chance EPA can release all the results in a spreadsheet? PDF is pretty to look at but fairly useless when it comes to data analysis. There are online converters but they're not perfect, and typically require some manual cleanup. This is such a huge file that it would take me hours and hours to get it into decent shape, so I'm hoping EPA can provide the results in spreadsheet format.

Thanks  
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We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment. (Data is only posted for 59 homes because there are two homes where we were not able to contact residents and provide them with data.)

To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action. EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities.

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This is the final batch, correct?

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EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the fourth set of sampling for 12 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found an elevated level of methane and informed the resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout EPA's work in Dimock, the Agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

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